

1. You will hear an interview with a woman called Karen Jackson who runs a holiday company for teenagers with special needs. Decide if each sentence is True (T) or False (F).

1 Karen was working on planes when she got the idea for her company. _____

2 Karen says that teenagers can go skiing in the winter on her holidays. _____

3 Karen says they try to make the holidays as cheap as possible. _____

4 Karen thinks that staff in museums could do more to help visitors with special needs. _____

5 One teenager called Nina on one of Karen's holidays was blind. _____

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2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

0 On our holiday, we want to explore D

1 We did swimming, climbing and sailing at the —

2 Let's have breakfast at the hotel before we —

3 I always feel very tired after I've been on a long —

4 When we arrive, we're going to go —

5 We can see for miles because we're on the —

A check out.
B sightseeing.
C top floor.
D different places.
E activity camp.
F journey.

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3. Complete the sentences below using *must*, *can't* or *might*.

0 That can't be Sam calling me. He's in Australia – and it's the middle of the night there!

1 Take an umbrella with you. It rain later.

2 The keys be on the table. I put them there yesterday.

3 She says it's Tim's backpack, but it be. He always travels with a suitcase.

4 I'm not sure where Dad is. He be in the garden, or maybe in the garage.

5 She has had a very long journey. She be tired.

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4. Read the newspaper article below about children who aren't educated in schools. Choose the correct answers to the questions – A, B or C

1. According to Martin, what problem do some teenagers have with school?

A They need a different way of learning.
B They find it hard to make a lot of friends there.
C They need to do more reading and writing.

2. What do some parents feel about teaching their children at home?

A They don't have the right skills to do it.
B They don't have the time to do it.

C They don't think their children will enjoy it.

3 Martin says some parents choose to educate their children by

- A sending them to live abroad with family.
- B going on holidays to different countries.
- C travelling with them all over the world .

4 What has Jack enjoyed most about the trip?

- A being out in the countryside
- B learning to look after horses
- C having time to do some art

5 How has Hannah felt about the trip?

- A surprised at the languages she's learnt
- B proud of the skills she's got better at
- C disappointed at the distance they've travelled

An unusual education by education correspondent Martin Palmer

Many teenagers attend secondary school. But some find that big schools with lots of other teenagers just aren't the right places for them to learn, and they don't do very well. Others need a more practical, hands-on way of learning than through reading and writing.

So one choice is for their parents to teach them at home, which many children prefer to going to school. But parents often worry that they can't teach all the subjects that children get in school, and the cost of private teachers can be high.

But there are families who think holidays abroad are not enough and decide to go on long round-the-world journeys to allow their children to see the world for themselves rather than read about it in the classroom. Some have family abroad to stay with, but many just travel.

Ray and Carla Ross and their teenage children Jack and Hannah have travelled around France and Spain with a caravan – and two horses! Says Jack, 'I've learnt about geography, history, wildlife, you name it. We all share tasks, although it's mainly Dad who looks after the horses. I've done some great drawings of them, though, and of the fields and woods we passed. That's been brilliant!' Hannah agrees, 'We've travelled miles across Spain and France, so I really thought I'd be better at speaking French and Spanish by now! Well, I'm not, but my cooking's improved a lot, so I'm really pleased with myself!'

